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Chicago, Illinois



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laboratory medicine
exposition.



Please join us for the 2006 AACC Annual Meeting and Clinical Lab Expo, July 23 – 27, 2006 in Chicago, Illinois.

2006 brings with it exciting new challenges and opportunities in clinical laboratory science and medicine. AACC is committed to leading these developments and providing a venue for people from around the world to share new ideas, technologies, and products. We invite you to take part in this dynamic and unparalleled exchange during the AACC Clinical Lab Expo in Chicago, Illinois, July 25 – 27, 2006.

With more than 600 companies displaying products and services for clinical laboratories, the Clinical Lab Expo has become the premier marketplace and largest exposition of its kind in the world. International attendance continues to grow rapidly, constituting nearly 25% of total attendance in 2005, with more than 100 countries represented.

In 2006, the Annual Meeting education program will feature more than 200 sessions related to a broad variety of areas of concern to professionals in clinical laboratory medicine. You are also invited to attend the Conference, July 23 – 27, 2006. (Registration and payment of conference fees are required for Conference participation.)

In the following pages, you will find everything you need to know about arranging your participation at this year's Clinical Lab Expo, including housing and registration information and forms. There is no charge to attend the Expo. You can get information about registering electronically via AACC's website at www.aacc.org/2006AM.

During the Annual Meeting and Expo, the AACC International Visitors Center will provide you with a spacious lounge, private rooms for meetings with exhibitors, and a computerized matching system to link you with appropriate suppliers at the event. Staff in the International Visitors Center is available to help you find companies that want to do business with you.

Please take a moment to review the enclosed brochure and make your arrangements to attend. You may contact us through AACC's website at www.aacc.org/2006AM or email Danielle Kleman at dkleman@aacc.org for more information.

Thank you for your interest in our Expo! We sincerely hope you will be able to join us and look forward to hosting you in Chicago!

Sincerely,



Gail E. Mutnik, MPA
Director of Meetings

CONNECT WITH VALUABLE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST CLINICAL LABORATORY MEDICINE EXPOSITION.

The 2006 Clinical Lab Expo is your opportunity to meet with more than 600 exhibitors providing products and services to clinical laboratories, other IVD testing sites, and manufacturers of laboratory products.

THE EXPOSITION FEATURES PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FOR MANY AREAS, INCLUDING:

- :: Abused drugs
- :: Allergy
- :: Autoimmune disease
- :: Automation and robotics
- :: Blood gas/Electrolytes
- :: Bone markers
- :: Cancer diagnostics and markers
- :: Cardiac diagnostics and markers
- :: Cholesterol testing
- :: Clinical decision systems
- :: Cytology/histology
- :: DNA/RNA testing
- :: Endocrine testing
- :: Flow cytometry
- :: Genetic testing/genotyping
- :: Genomics, proteomics
- :: Glucose
- :: Glycohemoglobin
- :: Hematology
- :: Hemostasis/coagulation
- :: Immunoassay
- :: Infectious diseases
- :: Information Systems/Informatics
- :: Microbiology
- :: Nutrition
- :: OEM and research products
- :: Osteoporosis
- :: Patient self-testing
- :: Pharmacogenomics
- :: Point-of-care and POL testing
- :: TDM/toxicology
- :: Thyroid testing
- :: Urinalysis
- :: Viral genotyping
- ...and much more.

CONNECT WITH CLINICAL LABORATORY PROFESSIONALS AND MANUFACTURERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

This is the largest exposition and scientific meeting in the world for clinical laboratory science. With international participation growing each year, it is also the premier marketplace for reviewing new products and services. We anticipate record-breaking attendance in Chicago.

THE INTERNATIONAL VISITORS CENTER MAKES CONNECTING EASY



The International Visitors Center (IVC) provides special services through the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Buyer's Program and AACC to assist international visitors.

The IVC includes:

- :: The international matchmaking service
- :: The computerized matching service enabling exhibitors and international delegates to secure real trade leads and act on those leads while at the Expo
- :: On-site Trade Specialists from the Department of Commerce who provide export assistance and counseling
- :: Meeting rooms

APPLY FOR YOUR VISA NOW

Due to heightened security in the United States we urge you not to delay in the visa process. Requesting visas early in the year will help you in gaining entry into the U.S. Do not delay and miss this event. Several Department of Commerce overseas offices arrange official delegations to the Expo. If you are interested in attending with such a group, please contact your local United States Commercial Service office.

It is important to apply for your VISA as early as possible. The following are some useful VISA applications tips:

- :: Apply as soon as possible.
- :: Attaching evidence of your previous visits to the AACC Annual Meeting and/or Clinical Lab Expo may help the application processing time.
- :: Attaching evidence of your intended return trip to your home country can shorten the application processing time.
- :: If your local U.S. Consular Office requests that you obtain a "Letter of Invitation" from AACC, please send: your full name, title, organization, address, phone and fax number to AACC

By Email: invitation@aacc.org

By Fax: 001-202-887-5093

Attn: Annual Meeting Invitations

By Mail: AACC Annual Meeting Invitations
1850 K Street, NW, Suite 625
Washington, DC 20006 USA

Please register in advance. International visitors in 2005 who waited until Tuesday morning to register stood in lines for up to 2 hours. To avoid long lines when you arrive, register by **June 8, 2006** via fax, mail or the AACC website.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Complete the enclosed registration form* and fax or mail as directed on the form OR visit www.aacc.org/2006AM and register directly for "Expo Only".
2. Using the enclosed form (or through AACC's website), make housing reservations, and secure them with a credit card.
3. Your housing confirmation will be sent separately.

* This is a free "Expo Only" registration. Conference registration requires a separate form with registration fees. Conference registration forms are available at www.aacc.org/2006AM beginning April 9 or through AACC Customer Service at custserv@aacc.org or 202-857-0717.

Hotel Information

AACC has negotiated special rates at leading hotels in Chicago and appointed a company to act as the official housing agent (AACC Housing Services) for the Meeting and Expo. AACC will provide complimentary shuttle service from most of the official hotels to the McCormick Place Convention Center.

Reservations Deadline: June 9, 2006

After this date, every effort will be made to accommodate your request, subject to hotel availability and rate request.

To Make Reservations:

By phone:

866-546-4307 (within the US) or 972-349-5423 (international)

By fax:

972-349-5825

By mail:

AACC Housing Services
6400 International Parkway, Suite 2500
Plano, TX 75093 USA

By Internet:

www.aacc.org/2006AM

When making housing reservations by mail or fax, please include the Housing Reservation Form below.

- > Rooms are assigned in the order in which reservations are received. If your first or second choice is not available, you will be assigned a room in a comparable hotel.
- > Reservations must be guaranteed. Please include either a credit card number or a check in US funds drawn on a US bank (payable to AACC Housing Service) for the first night's deposit. Your credit card will be charged when your reservation is processed.
- > Written confirmation will be faxed, mailed or emailed the next business day after receipt of your request.
- > Changes and cancellations should be made through the AACC Housing Service at least two weeks prior to arrival. Changes may be subject to hotel availability. If less than two weeks before arrival, please refer to your confirmation for specifics on your hotel's change and cancellation policies.
- > Many hotels are now imposing fees for early departures. This policy is at the discretion of the individual hotel and the amount of the fee varies by hotel. To avoid an early departure charge, be sure to verify your actual date of departure at the time of check-in.

See hotel listing on next page.

HOUSING RESERVATION FORM *Please PRINT or TYPE all information.*

MAIL CONFIRMATION TO:

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HOTEL PREFERENCES (If none are available, the Clinical Lab Expo Housing Service will place you in a comparable hotel.) See hotel listing on next page.

1st ☐

2nd ☐

3rd ☐

Arrival Day/Date ☐☐☐☐ Departure Day/Date ☐☐☐☐

Room Types: ☐ Single (1 Person, 1 Bed) ☐ Double (2 ppl, 1 Bed) ☐ Twin (2 - 4 ppl, 2 beds) ☐ Suite

Special Requests: ☐ King Bed ☐ Rollaway ☐ Non-Smoking ☐ Smoking ☐ Handicapped Accessible

Please note that the hotels will not guarantee bed type or special requests. Please confirm your request at check-in.

Roommates Full Name: 1st [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] 2nd [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

PAYMENT Reservation Deposit: All hotels require a deposit of one night's room to guarantee each room reservation. Hotels may charge credit cards prior to arrival.

Please note: All check and credit card payments must be made in US Dollars drawn on a US Bank. All prices are in US Dollars.

Charge to: ☐ American Express ☐ Diners Club ☐ Discover ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Check (payable to Clinical Lab Expo Housing Services)

Card Number Exp. Date

Print Cardholder's Name Here _____ Signature _____

Hotel Listing / Exhibits Only Registration Policies & Procedures

HOTEL LISTING

The following hotels are in the program:

HOTEL	SINGLE/DOUBLE RATE
Allegro Chicago	\$142/\$142
Best Western Inn of Chicago	\$124/\$124
Chicago Marriott Downtown	\$199/\$199
Drake Hotel	\$195/\$215
Fairmont Hotel	\$212/\$219
Fitzpatrick Chicago Hotel	\$175/\$175
Hilton Garden Inn- Chicago	\$159/\$159
Holiday Inn Chicago City Center	\$159/\$159
Hyatt Regency Chicago	\$206/\$226
Hyatt Regency McCormick Place	\$219/\$244
James Hotel	\$165/\$165
Radisson Hotel & Suites Chicago	\$149/\$149
Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers	\$207/\$227
Swissotel Chicago	\$165/\$185
Westin Chicago River North Hotel	\$207/\$227
Westin Michigan Avenue	\$197/\$217



REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Thursday, June 8, 2006

(Forms must be received by this date to pre-register)

Please register in advance. International visitors in 2005 who waited until Tuesday morning to register stood in lines for up to 2 hours. To avoid long lines when you arrive, register by **June 8, 2006** via fax, mail or the AACC website.

By Internet: www.aacc.org/2006AM

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By Fax: 202-887-5093
(If faxing your registration, do not mail original)

NOTE: AACC's liability insurance prohibits children under the age of 18 on the exhibit hall floor during set-up or expo hours.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register for an Expo Only badge via www.aacc.org/2006AM or complete the form on the following page.

If you are registering more than one person, you may either photocopy the registration form, print additional copies from www.aacc.org/2006AM or contact AACC for additional forms at 202-857-0717 (outside the U.S.) or 800-892-1400 (U.S. & Canada) and ask for Customer Service.

You may pick up your badge onsite at the Exhibits Only counter at AACC Registration, McCormick Place Convention Center, Chicago, Illinois. All individuals must show government-issued photo identification when picking up their badges.

CHANGES & UPDATES

If you need to make changes or updates to your registration after mailing or faxing, you may make the necessary changes when you pick up your registration onsite.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Except for photography specifically authorized by AACC, possession of video or photographic equipment is prohibited on the exhibit hall floor.

Preliminary Schedule of Events

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2006

1200-1700 Conference Registration Open

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2006

0800-1830 Registration Open

0930-1630 Education Sessions

1700-1830 Opening Plenary Session

1900-2000 Opening Mixer

MONDAY, JULY 24, 2006

0700-1700 Registration Open

0845-1745 Education Sessions

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2006

0700-1700 Registration Open

0845-1745 Education Sessions

0930-1700 Expo Open

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2006

0700-1700 Registration Open

0845-1745 Education Sessions

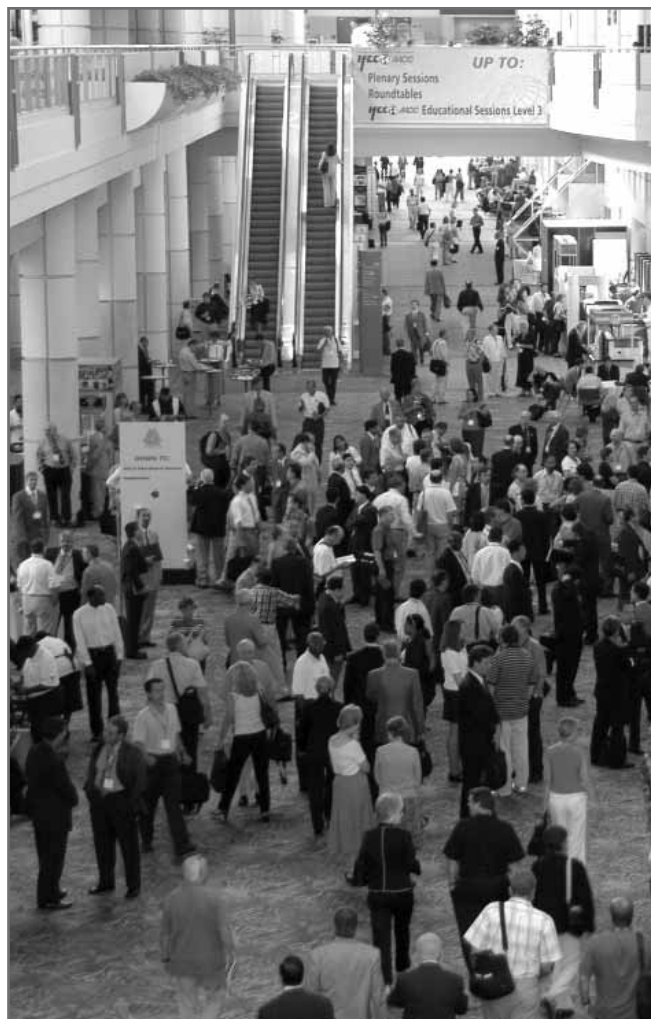
0930-1700 Expo Open

THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006

0800-1600 Registration Open

0845-1430 Education Sessions

0830-1400 Expo Open



For additional information,
please contact:



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